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Washington, DC

RE: Support – SBC Pacific Bell's Long Distance Application

The Turlock Chamber of Commerce urges you to support SBC Pacific Bell's entry into the long distance telephone market.

Competition is critical to a healthy, thriving economy. Given today's economic uncertainties, we need competition more than ever – for more choices, better service, savings, and convenience. The Turlock Chamber of Commerce supports a fully competitive marketplace in all business sectors, including telecommunications.

It makes sound business sense to allow all telecommunication companies, including SBC Pacific Bell, to compete in all segments of their industry as quickly as possible, to bring about the benefits that will result from open competition. Some 23 other states have opened the door to long distance competition and are reaping the benefits of this decision – it is time for California consumers to experience these same benefits.

The Turlock Chamber of Commerce will continue to support actions that enhance competition in the market place and policies that give all telecommunication providers, including SBC Pacific Bell, the ability to offer long distance service.

The Turlock Chamber of Commerce supports the timely approval of this application by SBC Pacific Bell.

Sincerely,

Jim L. Theis
Chairman of the Board
Turlock Chamber of Commerce